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Select Committee on Assassinations
U.S. House of Representatives
3331 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, ANNEX 2
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

October 16, 1978

Dear Bob:

As you probably know, because the Committee is winding down, the decision has been made to terminate L. J.'s services as of October 31.

I'm sure that you are wondering how you stand salary-wise with the Committee because of the duplicate salary payments from the New Orleans Police Department.

The following are my calculations of how you stand.

You were hired August 15, 1977 at an annual salary of $24,000.00 and taken off the payroll February 28, 1978. Your W-2 statement for 1977 gave a salary of $16,637.46 from the New Orleans Police Department. The monthly amount would be $1,386.46 ($16,637.46 ÷ 12). Prorating this amount would give $9,058.21 while on the payroll of the Committee ($1,386.46 per month for the period August 15, 1977 to February 28, 1978).

You have been due $613.54 per month from the Committee since March 1, 1978 (the difference between your Committee salary of $2,000.00 per month and $1,386.46). Dividing $613.54 into $9,058.21 (the overpayment referred to above) would carry you almost 15 months or until June 1, 1979.

According to the affidavit from your payroll supervisor, your base pay during the period you have been with the Committee is $1,273.00 per month. If we use this lower figure instead of the $1,386.46 which I got by dividing the amount on your W-2 by 12 and I went through the same calculations as above, the overpayment would carry you about 11½ months or until February 15, 1979.

Either way, the duplicate payment by the New Orleans Police Department for the period August 15, 1977 to February 28, 1978 is more than enough to carry you through December 31, 1978 without any further payments from the Committee.

Please give me a call if you have any questions or dispute any of my figures.

Sincerely yours,

Tom

THOMAS HOWARTH
Budget Officer

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CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

P. O. Box 51480
New Orleans, La. 70151

"to protect and to serve"

ERNEST DUTCH MORIAL
MAYOR

CLARENCE B. GIARRUSSO
SUPERINTENDENT

June 6, 1978

During the period of August 15, 1977 through December 31, 1977, Lieutenant Robert Buras, Jr. earned a base pay of $1273.00.

Respestfully Submitted,

Sgt. Albert Lawless

SGT. ALBERT C. LAWLESS
Commander, Payroll Division

ACL/da

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DIRECTOR OF FINANCE 69-0720265 001
ROOM 3W02 CITY HALL St. 360704000
NEW OREANS, LA. 70112

Wage and Tax Statement 1977

Type or print EMPLOYER'S name, address, ZIP code and Federal identifying number

State form number	Copy C For employee's records
City form number	Employer's State identifying number

Employee's social security number	1 Federal income tax withheld	2 Wages, tips, and other compensation	3 FICA employee tax withheld	4 Total FICA wages
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		

Type or print Employee's name, address, and ZIP code below.

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ROBERT BURAS JR.
1032 CENTER ST
ARABI LA 70032

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Sorry about the weak copy

Bob
Buras

Oct. 30, 1978

Dear Tom:

I recieved your letter of Oct. 16, 1978 and agree with your last figures which indicate my base pay as $1,273.00 per month. The W-2 form includes overtime and uniform allowances that are not subject to Committee Consideration. This still leaves me paid until Feb. 15, 1979. This is not accurate due to insufficient data given to you.

The following will explain my present position.

The City of New Orleans allows employees to accrue annual leave at the rate of 21 days per year (1 3/4 per month). This annual leave can be accumulated for a maximim of 90 days and be carried from one year to the next. In 1977 I ended the year with 102 days of which 12 days was dropped from the rolls due to committee employment. These are all working days, for each five totaled I recieve 2 days off, similar to a week end. In 1978 I will lose 21 days (working) from the rolls. This is 33 working days or 6 weeks and 3 days (33 ÷ 5= 6 X 7 + 3 =45).

The 33 days from the City amounts to $1,937.66 at $7.34 per hour. This amount does not take into account the number of weeks nor the 14 days annual leave that the committee would allow. The total consecutive days would be 45 + 14 = 59. This would be one day short of two months at $2,000.00 per month from the Committee. You can see that this could get into an accountant problem.

I am suggesting that the Committee not pay me anything further in salary but that I be given the above stated time off. I would like to be off from Nov. 15 thru Dec 31. 1978. I would still be avialable to get needed information to help write the report (if the Committee continues my phone service)

I am not an accountant and would rather not get into the dollars and cents involved. The time off would be a practical solution in my opinion.

I will talk with you and Cliff further about this matter.

Sincerely In Christ

Robert Buras
Staff Investigator

PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION FORM

(Please Use Typewriter or Ballpoint Pen)

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Washington, D.C. 20515

(Any erasures, corrections, or changes on this form must be initialed by the authorizing official.)

To the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

I hereby authorize the following payroll action:

Employee Name (First-Middle-Last)	Effective Date
Robert P. Buras, Jr.	2/28/78
Employee Social Security Number	**Type of Action**
438-48-7116	☐ Appointment ☐ Salary Adjustment ☐ Title Change ☒ Termination (At close of business on effective date) ☐ Leave without pay (Beginning with effective date above and ending close of business________________ Specify Date)
Employing Office or Committee/Subcommittee	
Assassinations	

(If type of action is an Appointment, Salary Adjustment, or Title Change, complete appropriate information below.)

Position Title	Gross Annual Salary*

* If employee is a civil service annuitant (includes U.S. House of Representatives), the gross annual salary shown should include the annuity received by the employee plus the salary received from the employing office.

(If Committee Employee, complete appropriate item below.)

1. ☐ Standing Committee: Staff—☐ Clerical or ☐ Professional.
2. ☒ Special (Investigative staff of Standing Committee) or Select Committee: Authority—H. Res. 879 of 95th Congress.
3. ☐ Joint Committee.

(If Employee of an Officer of the House, complete item below.)

Position Number______________ If applicable, Level________ Step________

I certify that this authorization is not in violation of 5 U.S.C. 3110(b), prohibiting the employment of relatives.

Date March 7, 19 78

[signature]
(Signature of Authorizing Official)

LOUIS STOKES
(Type or print name of Authorizing Official)

CHAIRMAN
(Title—If Member, District and State)

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(If appropriate, signature of Subcommittee Chairman or Ranking Minority Member)

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(Type or print name and title of above official)

All appointments and salary adjustments for employees under the House Classification Act and for Committee employees, except those of the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on the Budget, and the Joint Committees, must be approved by the Committee on House Administration.

APPROVED:______________________________
Chairman, Committee on House Administration

Office of Finance use only:

Office Code___________

Monthly Annuity $__________.00 as of ____________________

ID ____________________

Benefits ____________________

Payroll ____________________

(Revised: August 1, 1977)

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Robert P. Buras, Jr.	8/15/77
Employee Social Security Number	**Type of Action**
438 48 7116	[x] Appointment ☐ Salary Adjustment ☐ Termination (At close of business on effective date)
Employing Office or Committee	
Assassinations Committee	

(If type of action is an Appointment or Salary Adjustment, complete the following information.)

Position Title	Gross Annual Salary
Staff Investigator	$24,000.00

(If Committee Employee, complete appropriate item below.)

1. ☐ Standing Committee: Staff—☐ Clerical or ☐ Professional.
2. [x] Special or Select Committee: Authority—H. Res. 465 of 95th Congress.
3. ☐ Joint Committee.

(If Employee of an Officer of the House, complete item below.)

Position Number________ If applicable, Level_____ Step_____

I certify that this authorization is not in violation of 5 U.S.C. 3110(b), prohibiting the employment of relatives.

Date August 16, 1977, 19____

[signature]
(Signature of Authorizing Official)

LOUIS STOKES
(Type or print name of Authorizing Official)

Chairman
(Title—If Member, District and State)

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APPROVED:____________________
Chairman, Committee on House Administration

Office of Finance use only:

Office Code________

Monthly Annuity $________.00

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Professor G. Robert Blakey

FROM: Cliff Fenton

DATE: August 15, 1977

RE: Recommendation for employment - Robert P. Buras, Jr.

It is recommended that Robert P. Buras, Jr. be hired for appointment to the position of Senior Investigator at a salary of $24,000 per annum effective this date. Even though his homicide investigatory experience is limited, his experiences in law enforcement would be beneficial to our investigation.

Mr. Buras, who is a Lieutenant, has been with the New Orleans Police Department for eighteen (18) years. He appeared to be a loyal and committed person and showed a strong desire to join the JFK Task Force. He is presently in New Orleans, Louisiana and will be stationed thereat.

APPROVED: ______________________________
Kenneth D. Klein
Assistant Deputy Chief Counsel

O.K.
GRB
8-15-77